



Reception Newsletter

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term!

This half term is always such a special one, full of Christmas excitement, nativity rehearsals, and plenty of festive crafts. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and ready to learn!

In Drawing Club, we have been inspired by the beautiful story *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers. The children have loved retelling the story, imagining their own ways to catch a star, and using their fantastic drawing and phonics skills.

In Maths, our main focus has been helping the children develop a deeper understanding of the number **5**. We have been linking the number to real-life experiences, such as counting the five fingers on one hand. The children have also been exploring different ways to show numbers up to 5, using their fingers and special dot patterns (called the *Hungarian number pattern*). These activities have helped the children really understand the 'fiveness' of 5.

In PE, we've been moving like characters from well-known fairy tales as part of our *Fairytale Dance* unit. The children have been expressing themselves through movement, using their imagination, and working together beautifully.

In Understanding the World, we explored the solar system, learning about the planets and how they orbit the sun. The children were fascinated by space facts and enjoyed pretending to be astronauts zooming through the stars!

We also had lots of fun celebrating Bonfire Night! They especially enjoyed making their own edible sparklers using breadsticks dipped in chocolate and covered in colourful sprinkles — they looked (and tasted!) amazing!

AWARDS



Every week, the staff look out for those children who are just that little bit extra special in the current week to award them one of our Achievers Certificates. It might be for lots of effort, fantastic presentation, super learning behaviour, lovely manners, being extra helpful or just that bit more determined than the others to finish their work accurately. They might be an outstanding all-rounder.

Achievers



This week, our awards go to

VIPs



Dates for the Diary

Monday 10th November

Individual Photos

Please make sure children come to school in their **full school uniform**.

★ There will be **no PE on Monday** as the hall will be used for photographs.

Friday 14th November

Children in Need.

The children can come to school wearing spots for a £1 donation.

Wednesday 19th November 2-3pm

Silent Disco £5.00 a ticket.

Wednesday 26th November 2.30pm

We will be holding a **Phonics Workshop** for parents and carers. This will be an opportunity to find out more about how we teach phonics in Reception and how you can support your child's reading and writing at home.